(c) Yes. Sir.

(d) The Government plan to popularise the use of corrugated fibre board (CFB) cartons, kraft liner paper/fluting media and polypropylene copolymer for packing of horticulture produce.

Sarkaria Commission

1063. SHRI K. GOPALAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 528 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th February, 1986 and state:

(a) whether the Sarkaria Commission has submitted its report;

(b) if not, by when it is expected to submit its report;

(c) as on date, what had been its expenditure; and

(d) whether all States have submitted their reports to the Commission; if not, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Commission is expected to submit its report by December 31, 1986.

(c) The expenditure incurred on the Commission upto October 31, 1986, amounts to Rs. 104.25 lakhs.

(d) The Governments of Jammu & Kashmir, Manipur and Punjab have not furnished their views to the Commission so far.

Protection of snow leopard

1064. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a national programme for conservation of rare species of show leopard, similar to that of the Tiger project, is being launched shortly in the country and that this programme is to cover the Himalayan belt from Ladakh to Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the project Tiger have helped in doubling the number of tigers from 1827 to 4005 in the country; and

(c) whether Government propose to set up mountain national parks with snow leopards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) The snow leopard is one of the endangered species where conservation is a part of the national programme of conservation.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) It is for the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations concerned to set up national parks under the wildlife (Protection) Act 1972, inclusive of those areas with snow leopards.

Agitation by junior engineers in the Telecommunications Department

1065. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether junior engineers of the Telecommunications Department had resorted to work-to-rule during October, 1986;

(b) if so, what were their demands;

(c) whether this agitation has affected telephone and telex services in various parts of the country;

(d) if so, what is the extent of loss of revenue to Governemnt; and

(e) what steps have been taken to meet the demands of junior engineers?